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## Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council

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Resolution 11-20-2006 -

## A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE FEE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MT-WY TLC) has been created for the express purpose of providing the Indian Tribes of Montana and Wyoming with a Unified Voice and Collective Organization to address Issues of Concern to the Tribes and Indian people on a state and national level; and

WHEREAS, the Montana and Wyoming Tribes realize the importance of being involved in issues at all levels of government, from the national to the local level; and participating in and having a voice in forming national, regional and local policy on all issues that may affect the reservations; and

- WHEREAS; Indian Tribes in Montana seek to reestablish their status as sovereign governments; and
- WHEREAS; numerous Montana Indian Tribes possess fee lands within the exterior boundaries of their reservations; and
- WHEREAS; some of these tribally-owned fee properties have been inconsistently assessed a property tax by the respective counties; and
- WHEREAS; tribes oppose the property tax assessment, desire uniformity and certainty with tax laws, and therefore propose that tribes be exempted from property tax in the same manner as all other governments, national and local; and
- NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the MT / WY tribal leaders council unanimously approve this resolution to seek a proper government to government relationship that exempts all tribally-owned fee land from taxation.

## **CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, as the Chair and the Secretary of the Tribal Leaders Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly presented and approved at a Special Board Meeting of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, which was held on 20 November 2006 in Helena, MT.

Carl Venne	Kermit Horn
Chair, MT/WY Tribal Leaders Council	Secretary, MT/WY Tribal Leaders Council